Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of February 11, 2026.

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SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

		January	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted		4,280	15.5%	36.5%
Approved		2,964	12.8%	20.5%
Rejected		1,168	-16.8%	-21.9%
Pending	15 Days or Less	37		
	More Than 15 Days	13		
Total Pending		50		

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	19,434	18,624	18,009	4.3%	7.9%
	Protective Services	4,231	4,075	4,006	3.8%	5.6%
	Total	23,665	22,699	22,015	4.3%	7.5%
Approved Children	Income	30,098	30,170	30,588	-0.2%	-1.6%
	Protective Services	6,956	6,932	6,981	0.3%	-0.4%
	Total	37,054	37,102	37,569	-0.1%	-1.4%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

Children Served	Income	22,434	22,261	21,739	0.8%	3.2%
	Protective Services	4,937	4,818	4,753	2.5%	3.9%
	Total	27,359	27,069	26,486	1.1%	3.3%
Payments		$27,962,514	$25,665,681	$27,693,402	8.9%	1.0%
Average Payment Per Child		$1,022	$948	$1,046	7.8%	-2.3%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025
Approved Households	668	582	540	232	212	187	94	88	73
Children Served	1,083	995	981	336	334	303	126	117	110
Payments	$944,841.84	$808,484.60	$899,578.48	$308,434.53	$260,085.09	$262,491.71	$105,258.81	$93,338.72	$94,161.46
Average Payment per Household	$1,414	$1,389	$1,666	$1,329	$1,227	$1,404	$1,120	$1,061	$1,290
Average Child Expenditure	$872	$813	$917	$918	$779	$866	$835	$798	$856

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

	Children Served January 2026	Payments January 2026
Under Age 1	1,223	$2,198,560
AGE 1	3,190	$5,890,613
AGE 2	4,005	$4,870,111
AGE 3	4,430	$4,389,719
AGE 4	4,147	$4,037,254
AGE 5	2,907	$2,250,073
AGE 6	1,805	$1,083,460
AGE 7	1,460	$814,210
AGE 8	1,232	$705,310
AGE 9	1,012	$579,817
AGE 10	831	$464,413
AGE 11	568	$329,968
AGE 12	347	$214,724
AGE 13	163	$101,011
Age 14 and Over	39	$33,271
Total	**27,359**	**$27,962,514**

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

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*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Da..
Cape Girardeau	290	170	101	37.1%	271	0	1	100.0%
Columbia	149	85	64	43.0%	149	2	0	0.0%
Jefferson City	174	123	59	32.4%	182	2	0	0.0%
Macon	69	44	21	32.3%	65	15	4	21.1%
Not Selected	1,719	1,457	189	11.3%	1,646	6	1	14.3%
Raytown	575	351	226	39.0%	577	2	2	50.0%
Springfield	346	212	126	37.1%	338	10	5	33.3%
St. Louis	958	522	382	42.1%	904	**37**	**13**	**26.0%**
Total	**4,280**	**2,964**	**1,168**	**28.0%**	**4,132**			

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

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Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Parent	Job Search	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	187	1,727	52	10	381	690	24	11	**2,757**
Columbia	108	929	56	8	244	306	20	24	**1,450**
Jefferson City	104	1,012	37	8	269	446	19	12	**1,706**
Macon	49	419	10	3	90	193	13	3	**699**
Not Selected	1,073	7,057	238	49	1,868	2,053	115	180	**9,954**
Raytown	541	3,069	344	28	1,208	870	63	133	**5,214**
Springfield	241	1,734	70	12	453	714	37	18	**2,859**
St. Louis	1,026	6,021	513	67	1,950	1,003	139	160	**9,027**
Total	**2,246**	**14,833**	**1,080**	**137**	**4,573**	**4,243**	**315**	**359**	**23,661**

SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

	Households			Children		
	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025
Education	2,246	2,169	2,083	3,708	3,737	3,800
Employment	14,833	14,207	13,696	25,944	26,042	26,377
Homeless	1,080	1,051	1,039	1,417	1,448	1,497
Incapacitated Parent	137	127	126	237	215	215
Job Search	4,573	4,389	4,241	4,562	4,503	4,568
Protective Services	4,243	4,084	4,016	0	0	0
Special Need	315	298	287	6,983	6,959	7,013
Training	359	358	347	506	501	503
Total	**23,661**	**22,696**	**22,012**	592	620	621
				37,016	**37,066**	**37,544**

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025
African American (Black)	17,469	17,534	17,838
American/Alaskan Native	302	301	303
Asian	120	120	119
Caucasian (White)	13,807	13,789	13,942
Multi-Racial	4,051	4,037	4,052
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	53	55	54
Other	550	555	570
Prefer not to answer	686	692	681
Unknown	0	0	0
Total	**37,016**	**37,066**	**37,544**

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025
Hispanic	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%
Non-Hispanic	91.0%	90.9%	91.0%
Prefer not to answer	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%
Total	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

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SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

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*excludes Protective Services households

ousehold Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
0	0	0.0%	$2,441
1	282	1.2%	$57
2	7,440	31.4%	$978
3	7,783	32.9%	$1,232
4	5,451	23.0%	$1,391
5	3,039	12.8%	$1,465
6	1,409	6.0%	$1,389
7 or More	1,019	4.3%	$1,298
Total	**23,661**	**100.0%**	**$1,111**

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

Provider Type	Provider Facility Type	January 2026 Children Served	January 2026 Payments	January 2026 Average Payments per Child	December 2025 Children Served	December 2025 Payments	December 2025 Average Payments per Child	November 2025 Children Served	November 2025 Payments	November 2025 Average Payments per Child
Exempt	Exempt Program	665	$327,439.11	$492	620	$303,426.07	$489	624	$320,087.69	$513
	Six or Fewer	1,206	$777,442.00	$645	1,183	$760,335.68	$643	1,154	$720,791.22	$625
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,663	$1,233,527.38	$742	1,695	$1,219,489.73	$719	1,708	$1,389,527.27	$814
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	22,485	$24,364,287.18	$1,084	22,270	$22,263,889.18	$1,000	21,691	$24,075,969.09	$1,110
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	992	$913,433.98	$921	937	$778,193.30	$831	922	$853,988.75	$926
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	471	$345,995.75	$735	464	$339,958.45	$733	500	$332,185.55	$664
Total		**27,358**	**$27,962,125.40**	**$1,022**	**27,068**	**$25,665,292.41**	**$948**	**26,485**	**$27,692,549.57**	**$1,046**

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	184	185	183
		Six or Fewer	382	377	373
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,196	1,197	1,187
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	181	179	176
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	56	57	55
	Licensed Exempt	Religious Organization/Nursery School	102	101	101
Total			**2,101**	**2,096**	**2,075**

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	2,450	2,436	2,362	0.6%	3.7%
Low Income Housing	2,319	2,325	2,297	-0.3%	1.0%
Medicaid	17,160	16,951	16,437	1.2%	4.4%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	16,442	16,404	16,073	0.2%	2.3%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	727	757	747	-4.0%	-2.7%
Total	20,208	20,042	19,563	0.8%	3.3%